

.. PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

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Office of:

The Governor  
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June 30, 1978

Mr. Sid Mills  
Area Director  
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Re: Proposal for Expert Analysis of Mining and Reclamation  
Plan Submitted by the Anaconda Company for the Jackpile  
Mine - Pueblo of Laguna - New Mexico

Dear Mr. Mills:

The Pueblo of Laguna hereby requests a grant of funds  
for a review and an evaluation of the Anaconda Mining and  
Reclamation Plan for the Jackpile Mine - Pueblo of Laguna -  
New Mexico.

As you are aware, the Anaconda Company has been con-  
ducting open-pit uranium mining operations at the Pueblo of  
Laguna since 1952. It is presently expected that production  
will cease at this open-pit operation in 1982.

The Pueblo does not have the expertise to evaluate and  
review the proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan, nor does it  
have the expertise to formulate a feasible plan of its own  
should Anaconda's Plan prove to be unacceptable.

In the attached proposal, the Pueblo of Laguna requests  
expert assistance to formulate a plan of action which will  
include but not be limited to the following:

1. Optimal rehabilitation using current reclamation  
techniques.
2. Evaluation of the Anaconda Mining and Reclamation  
Plan to determine extent of rehabilitation it proposes to  
achieve.
3. Determine feasibility of optimal rehabilitation.
4. Identify alternatives to optimal reclamation plan  
to achieve effective and efficient reclamation.

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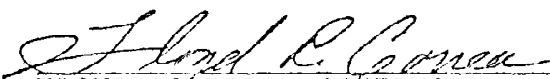
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5. Establish guidelines and criteria for evaluation of reclamation progress by the Pueblo of Laguna.

To carry out this task, the Pueblo requests funding in the sum of \$14,000.00 of which \$10,000.00 represents the cost of labor and \$4,000.00 represents the cost of travel and other overhead and administrative expenses. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
FLOYD CORREA - GOVERNOR  
PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Enclosure

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